(b) There are separate posts of hairman and Managing Director in he NTC (Holding Company). It is not proposed to change the existing pattern of full time Chairman-cum-Managing Directors in the subsidiary corporation of the NTC at present on grounds of administrative efficiency.

**Sub-committee for drafting amendments to the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act**

665. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Sub-Committee to draft amendments to the present Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act; and

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Labour had formed a Working Group consisting of Labour Secretaries of Bihar, West Bengal, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, Chief LabourCommissioner (Central) under the convenorship of Director General (Labour Welfare) to look into various proposals for amendments to the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970. The Working Group submitted its report in July, 1982 suggesting certain amendments to the Act. These recommendations were placed before the Labour Ministers' Conference held in September, 1982. The batch of amendments is still to be finalised.

**Turnover of the mills under the Cotton Corporation of India**

666. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the annual turnover of the mills under the Cotton Corporation of India during the year 1985-86 and the expected turnover during the year 1986-87;

(b) whether any losses were sustained by the Corporation; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the performance of the mills under the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The Cotton Corporation of India does not have any mills under its control.

(b) The Cotton Corporation of India suffered losses during the past few years on account of heavy interest burden on the past borrowings from the Banks/Government, which the Corporation had to undertake in order to make large purchases during the years of comfortable cotton supply position and on account of carrying costs of the stocks.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Exports by STC**

667. SHRI KALPNATH RAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation has drawn up any scheme for increasing exports through its agency for the year 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The corporation has set up a target of Rs. 554 crores for exports in 1986-87. The target includes Rs. 159 crores for canalised exports, Rs. 385 crores for non canalised exports and Rs. 10 crores for off-shore trading.